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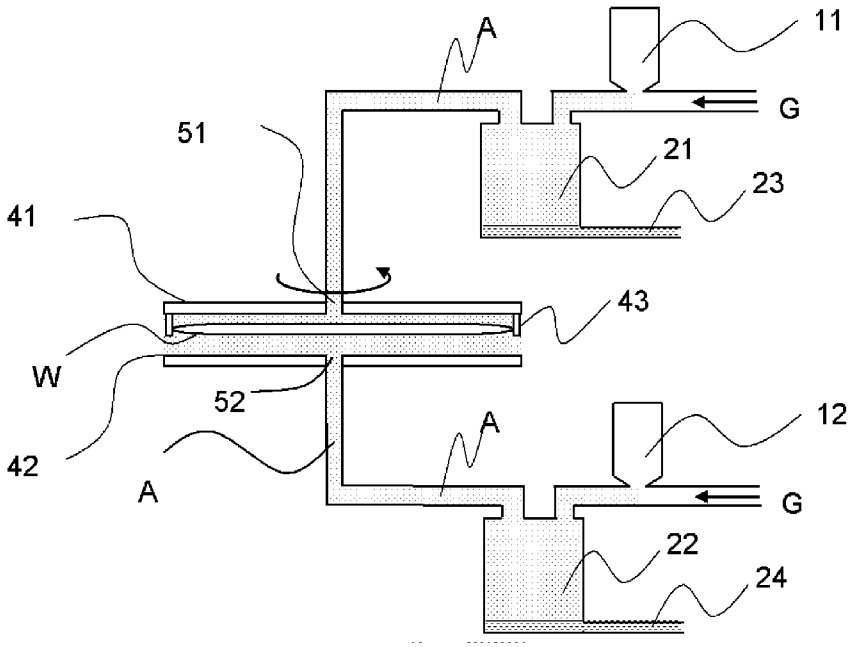
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(54) **Title:** APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR DRYING DISK-SHAPED SUBSTRATES



(57) **Abstract:** Disclosed is a device for drying a disk-shaped substrate comprising, means for holding a single disk-shaped substrate, means for supplying rinsing liquid onto the disk-shaped substrate surface, means for generating an aerosol and means for supplying said aerosol onto the disk-shaped substrate surface. Furthermore disclosed is a method for drying a disk-shaped substrate comprising the steps of providing a single disk-shaped substrate, applying rinsing liquid to the disk-shaped substrate surface, applying an aerosol onto the disk-shaped substrate surface wherein the aerosol comprises a drying liquid as disperse phase and an inert gas as the continuous phase. At least part of the liquid is present on the disk-shaped substrate during supply of the aerosol and aerosol droplets condense on liquid surface.

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